GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:141
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SIMPLIFICATION OF EXPORT IMPORT PROCEDURE IN IT
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Union Government propose to simplify the Export- Import procedure in IT;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any request has been received by the Government from the importers of IT;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.141 FOR 01-08-2001 REGARDING SIMPLIFICATION OF EXPORT IMPORT PROCEDURE IN I.T.

(a) and (b): Procedural simplification has been attempted in the EXIM policy with a view to reduce transaction cost and time. The following steps have been taken towards simplification:

(i) Electronic filing facility for grant of licences

(ii) Self certification facility for grant of Advance Licence and Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) Scheme where nexus norms do not exist.

(iii) Issuance of licences within the stipulated time period etc.

(iv) In Electronic Hardware Technology Park (EHTP)/ Software Technology Park (STP) Schemes, powers for granting necessary approvals / permissions have been given to the officers designated and posted as Director, STPIs.

(v) Software Units have been allowed to export using data communication links or in the form of physical exports including export of professional services.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): Electronics and Information Technology Associations have represented to the Government for the following:

(i) Removal of physical bonding for STP / EHTP Units.

(ii) Blanket permit for sale of software in Domestic Tariff Area (DTA).

(iii) Incentives similar to Special Import Licence (SIL) on export of software.

(iv) Waiver of 100% surety and bank guarantee.

(v) relaxation in customs bonded certificate.

(vi) Utilization of SILs remaining unutilized as on 31-03-2001.

(vii) Simplified procedure for donation of computers by STPI units.

(viii) Simplification in conditions of minimum export obligation.

(ix) Issue of Importer - Exporter code by STPI designated officer.

(x) modified EHTP Scheme allowing unlimited DTA sales against applicable duties and no minimum export performance etc.

(e): Export-Import policy as well as procedures are reviewed by Government regularly based on the feedback received from the industry and the exporters. Necessarysimplification, wherever required to the extent possible, are carried out in the interest of trade and this is a continuous process.